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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Elischweski et al.

Appln. No.: 09/680,310

Examiner: G.G. Leffers, Jr.

Filed: October 6, 2000

Title: Process for the Preparation of Pantothenic Acid by Amplification of Nucleotide Sequences Which Code for Ketopantoate Reductase

October 8, 2003

# AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated April 9, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 3 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

#### **FEES**

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE			ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	28		34	=	0	x	\$	18.00	=	\$	0.00
INDEP.	4		4	=	0	х	\$	86.00	=	\$	0.00
FIRST PR	ESENTATION OF	MULTI	PLE DEP.	CLAIM		+	\$	290.00	_=_	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE										\$	0.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE										_\$	950.00
GRAND TOTAL										\$	950.00

### **FEE PAYMENT**

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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